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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Please note that reference US 3,496,286 listed in the CN Official Action was previously cited in an IDS filed October 5, 2006. A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)): CN 1238044 corresponds to WO 98/22837.

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